

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Public Servants – Allegation of Corruption against Sri Galeti Eshwaraiah,  
Mandal Surveyor, Veligandla, Prakasham District – Trapped on  
21.10.2009 – Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIG.IV.2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No. 1751**

**Dated:10.10.2011.**

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**ORDER:**

Whereas Sri Galeti Eshwaraiah, Mandal Surveyor, Veligandla, Prakasham District worked from 24.10.2005 to 21.10.2009 and by virtue of the post held by him he falls under the category of Public Servant as defined Under Section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas Sri B. Venkateswarlu, S/o. Venkatramaiah, age 26 years, Nagireddypalli, Veligandla Mandal, Prakasham District is the complainant;

3. And whereas it is alleged that on 19.10.2009 at 17-00 hours, Sri B. Venkateswarlu came to the Office of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nellore and lodged a written report. The contents of the report were that Sri B. Venkateswarlu has been studying 2<sup>nd</sup> B.Sc. His family has 1.92 acres of land in Survey No. 77 and 2 acres in Survey No.78 in the name of his father Sri Venkatramaiah and 1 acre in Survey No.77/4 in his name. They raised paddy and Red-Gram crops in their fields. They and other farmers who have lands beyond their fields have to pass through the lands in Sy.No.84 admeasuring 16.92 acres for going to their fields but the farmers in Sy.No.84 have been objecting for it. Resultantly they are facing lots of hardship in farming. As such his father had approached the then Mandal Revenue Officer Sri Peraiah in April, 2007 and put an application praying that a pathway can be created for going to their fields. On that the Mandal Revenue Officer instructed the then Revenue Inspector, Village Secretary and the present Mandal Surveyor Sri G. Eshwaraiah to inspect the lands and to prepare sub-division records for creating a pathway. Sri T. Ganganna was the successor after the retirement of Mandal Revenue Officer Sri Peraiah. Once again in November, 2007 Sri B. Venkateswarlu father had put

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another application urging the Mandal Revenue Officer to create sub-division in Sy.No.84 and facilitate pathway to their fields. Tahsildar inspected the lands and negotiated with the farmers of Sy.No.84. On the instructions of Tahsildar, Sri G. Eshwaraiah prepared the sub-division records for 16.92 acres in Sy.No.84. The then Tahsildar Ganganna signed on the prepared records in February, 2009 for forwarding the same to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur. But Sri G. Eshwaraiah kept the record pending with him. When Sri B. Venkateswarlu requested Sri G. Eshwaraiah to send the file to Revenue Divisional Officer he said that he would send it after the Elections. In June 2009 he met Sri G. Eswaraiah and asked whether he has sent the file to Revenue Divisional Officer office for which he replied that he would send it. In August 2009 again he visited the house of Sri G. Eswaraiah at Kanigiri and came to know that the file was still pending with him and requested him to send the file soon. Again about fifteen days prior to the date of complaint, when Sri B. Venkateswarlu met Sri G. Eshwaraiah in Tahsildar Office and enquired about the file, Sri G. Eswaraiah asked him to meet at his residence. After four days, when Sri B. Venkateswarlu went to Sri G. Eswaraiah house, Sri G. Eswaraiah said that in case Rs.5000/- was given as bribe he would send the file to Revenue Divisional Officer for scrutiny and that he was preparing sub-division records and that he would get the report of Revenue Divisional Officer and facilitate pathway by creating sub-division. When he said that he cannot afford that much amount, Sri G. Eswaraiah said that his work would be accomplished, only if he pays Rs.5,000/- as bribe. On 19.10.2009 morning when Sri B. Venkateswarlu met Sri G. Eswaraiah at his residence in Kanigiri and requested to send the file, he reiterated his earlier demand. As there was no other-go, Sri B. Venkateswarlu agreed to pay the bribe amount and returned, stating that he would secure the amount, and he informed the matter to his father. As they were not willing to pay bribe to Sri G. Eswaraiah lodged a report with Anti-Corruption Bureau to take necessary action against Sri G. Eswaraiah.

4. And whereas it is alleged that after due verification of the report, on 21.10.2009 the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nellore registered a case in Cr.No.20/RCT-NPK/2009 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 of Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nellore Range, Prakasam District and took up investigation. All the required procedural formalities to be observed were complied with.

5. And whereas on 21.10.2009 Sri Galeti Eswaraiah, Mandal Surveyor was trapped when he demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.5,000/- from Sri B. Venkateswarlu in Tea & Tiffin hotel of Narala Srinivasulu situated at Mogallur Centre. Sri G. Eswaraiah received the same with his right hand and kept in his left side shirt pocket. The Deputy Superintendent of Police got prepared Sodium Carbonate Solution in two glass tumblers and

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subjected both the hands fingers of Accused Officer separately and right hand fingers yielded positive result. Tainted amount of Rs.5,000/- was recovered from his shirt pocket. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau seized that amount. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau got subjected the inner portion of the left side shirt pocket of Sri G. Eswaraiah to chemical test, which yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau seized the shirt of Sri G. Eswaraiah. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Sri G. Eswaraiah, at 15-15 hrs on 21.10.2009 after informing the grounds of his arrest. The above proceedings were reduced into writing in the form of Mediator Report No.2.

6. And whereas the acts of Sri Galeti Eswaraiah, Mandal Surveyor, Veligandla, Prakasam District constitute offences punishable under section 7, 13(2) read with 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the authority competent to remove the said Sri Galeti Eswaraiah, Mandal Surveyor, Veligandla, Prakasam District after fully and carefully examining the materials viz., copy of FIR, copies of Statements of witnesses, copies of documents and mediator reports and other material placed before them, in regard to the said allegations and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri Galeti Eswaraiah, Mandal Surveyor, Veligandla, Prakasam District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the said offences.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Galeti Eswaraiah, Mandal Surveyor, Veligandla, Prakasam District for the offences punishable under section 7, 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable and for any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL CHANDRA PUNETHA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director General,  
Anti-Corruption Bureau,  
Hyderabad.